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POLICE ARREST SUSPECT IN 2001 ENCANTO HOMICIDE

On January 28, 2001, Alexander CEBALLOS was in his vehicle in the area of 900 Merlin Drive in Encanto when his companion was confronted by two Hispanic males who began yelling at him. One of the Hispanic males then pulled out a gun and began firing at CEBALLOS and his companion. CEBALLOS tried to drive away but was struck by gunfire and he crashed his vehicle into a nearby building. CEBALLOS later died from his wounds. The case was investigated by the San Diego Police Homicide Unit but remained unsolved for many years.

San Diego Police Cold Case Detectives recently resumed the investigation and identified 37-year-old, Enrique PALOMINO as being one of the suspects in CEBALLOS' murder. Detectives discovered PALOMINO was in local custody at the George Bailey Detention Facility on unrelated charges. Cold Case Detectives submitted paperwork to add the charge of Murder for his involvement in CEBALLOS' Homicide and he will remain in Sheriff's Custody awaiting arraignment on the new charge.

The investigation is ongoing and further arrests are anticipated.

Anyone with information related to this incident is encouraged to call the San Diego Police Department's Homicide Unit or Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

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